

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

By Mr. THOMPSON for the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

John D. Graham, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget.

Stephen A. Perry, of Ohio, to be Administrator of General Services.

Angela Styles, of Virginia, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

Maurice A. Ross, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Erik Patrick Christian, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

NOMINATION DISCHARGED

The following nomination was discharged from the Committee on Foreign Relations pursuant to the order of May 23, 2001:

Howard H. Baker, Jr., of Tennessee, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Japan.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Nominee: Howard H. Baker, Jr.

Post: U.S. Ambassador to Japan.

Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self, Howard H. Baker, Jr.: 8/25/00, Frist 2000—General Election (In-kind contribution), \$1,550.00; 8/21/00, Frist 2000 General Election (In-kind contribution), \$300.00; 4/13/01, Frist 2000 Refund for In-kind contribution, —\$850.00; 9/25/00, Duncan for Congress—General Election, \$1,000.00; 6/9/00, Hal Rogers for Congress, \$1,000.00; 5/8/00, Henry J. Hyde for Congress Committee, \$100.00; 3/23/00, Friends of Guiliani Exploratory Committee, \$1,000.00; 3/23/00, Tennessee Republican Party, \$3,000.00; 10/25/99, Henry J. Hyde for Congress Committee, \$1,000.00; 9/24/99, Duncan for Congress—Primary Election, \$1,000.00; 8/24/99, Elizabeth Dole for President Exploratory Committee Inc., \$1,000.00; 8/9/99, Orrin Hatch Presidential Exploratory Committee Inc., \$1,000.00; 8/5/99, George W. Bush for President, Inc., \$1,000.00; 8/3/99, McCain 2000 Inc., \$1,000.00; 7/21/99, Friends of George Allen, \$1,000.00; 7/10/99, Van Hilleary for Congress (In-kind contribution) (\$1,000 was attributed to primary and \$1,000 was attributed to the general election. Remainder was refunded.), \$4,873.73; 9/22/99, Van Hilleary for Congress Refund for In-kind Contribution, —\$2,873.73; 6/28/99, Alexander for President, \$1,000.00; 6/7/99, Tennessee Republican Party, \$3,000.00; 3/16/99, Ed Bryant for Congress (In-kind contribution), \$300.00; 12/10/98, Frist 2000 Inc., \$1,000.00; 10/8/98, Van Hilleary for Congress, \$1,000.00; and 3/10/98, Tennessee Republican Party, \$3,000.00.

2. Spouse, Nancy Kassebaum Baker: 1/26/00, McCain 2000, \$1,000.00; 9/30/99, Greg Musil for Congress Committee, \$1,000.00; 6/17/99, WISH List, \$200.00; and 2/25/99, WISH List, \$250.00.

3. Children and Spouses: Cynthia Baker (daughter), 10/30/00, Van Hilleary for Congress, \$1,000.00; Darek D. and Karen Baker (son and daughter-in-law), none; Bill and Jennifer Kassebaum (stepson & stepdaughter-in-law), none; John and Elizabeth Kassebaum (stepson & stepdaughter-in-law), none; Richard Kassebaum (stepson), None; Maurice and Linda Johnson (stepdaughter & stepson-in-law), none.

4. Parents: Dora Ladd Baker, deceased; Howard H. Baker, Sr., deceased; Irene Bailey Baker (stepmother), deceased.

5. Grandparents: Christopher Ladd, deceased; Lillie Cox Ladd, deceased; James Baker, deceased; Helen Keen Baker, deceased.

6. Brothers and Spouses: None.

7. Sisters and Spouses: Mary Stuart (sister), None; Roger Stuart (brother-in-law) 3/10/99, Friends of George Allen, \$500.00; Beverly and Mike Patestides (sister & brother-in-law), none.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 935. A bill to authorize the negotiation of a Free Trade Agreement with the Commonwealth of Australia, and to provide for expedited congressional consideration of such an agreement; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. THOMAS):

S. 936. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand S corporation eligibility for banks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CLELAND (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. REED, Ms. LANDBRIEU, Mrs. CARNAHAN, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 937. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit the transfer of entitlement to educational assistance the Montgomery GI Bill by members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. FITZGERALD, and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 938. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the exclusion from gross income for foster care payments shall also apply to payments by qualifying placement agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON:

S. 939. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to confer citizenship automatically on children residing abroad in the legal and physical custody of a citizen parent serving in a Government or military position abroad; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. WELLSTONE):

S. 940. A bill to leave no child behind; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 941. A bill to revise the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in the State of California, to extend the term of the advisory commission for the recreation area,

and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. THOMPSON):

S. 942. A bill to authorize the supplemental grant for population increases in certain states under the temporary assistance to needy families program for fiscal year 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 943. A bill to authorize the negotiation of a Free Trade Agreement with New Zealand, and to provide for expedited congressional consideration of such an agreement; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 944. A bill to authorize the negotiation of a Free Trade Agreement with the Republic of Korea, and to provide for expedited congressional consideration of such an agreement; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. Con. Res. 42. A bill condemning the Taleban for their discriminatory policies and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 60

At the request of Mr. BYRD, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) were added as cosponsors of S. 60, a bill to authorize the Department of Energy programs to develop and implement an accelerated research and development program for advanced clean coal technologies for use in coal-based electricity generating facilities and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide financial incentives to encourage the retrofitting, repowering, or replacement of coal-based electricity generating facilities to protect the environment and improve efficiency and encourage the early commercial application of advanced clean coal technologies, so as to allow coal to help meet the growing need of the United States for the generation of reliable and affordable electricity.

S. 145

At the request of Mr. THURMOND, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 145, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to increase to parity with other surviving spouses the basic annuity that is provided under the uniformed services Survivor Benefit Plan for surviving spouses who are at least 62 years of age, and for other purposes.

S. 228

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 228, a bill to amend title 38,

United States Code, to make permanent the Native American veterans housing loan program, and for other purposes.

S. 229

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 229, a bill to amend Federal banking law to permit the payment of interest on business checking accounts in certain circumstances, and for other purposes.

S. 281

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 281, a bill to authorize the design and construction of a temporary education center at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

S. 413

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 413, a bill to amend part F of title X of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve and refocus civic education, and for other purposes.

S. 472

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 472, a bill to ensure that nuclear energy continues to contribute to the supply of electricity in the United States.

S. 497

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 497, a bill to express the sense of Congress that the Department of Defense should field currently available weapons, other technologies, tactics and operational concepts that provide suitable alternatives to anti-personnel mines and mixed anti-tank mine systems and that the United States should end its use of such mines and join the Convention on the Prohibition of Anti-Personnel Mines as soon as possible, to expand support for mine action programs including mine victim assistance, and for other purposes.

S. 583

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) were added as cosponsors of S. 583, a bill to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to improve nutrition assistance for working families and the elderly, and for other purposes.

S. 598

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 598, a bill to provide for the reissuance of a rule relating to ergonomics.

S. 621

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Connecticut

(Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 621, a bill to authorize the American Friends of the Czech Republic to establish a memorial to honor Tomas G. Masaryk in the District of Columbia.

S. 677

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 677, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the required use of certain principal repayments on mortgage subsidy bond financing to redeem bonds, to modify the purchase price limitation under mortgage subsidy bond rules based on median family income, and for other purposes.

S. 690

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 690, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand and improve coverage of mental health services under the medicare program.

S. 694

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 694, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor.

S. 790

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 790, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit human cloning.

S. 805

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 805, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy, including Duchenne, Becker, limb girdle, congenital, facioscapulohumeral, myotonic, oculopharyngeal, distal, and emery-dreifuss muscular dystrophies.

S. 839

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 839, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase the amount of payment for inpatient hospital services under the medicare program and to freeze the reduction in payments to hospitals for indirect costs of medical education.

S. 845

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 845, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include agricultural and animal waste sources as a renewable energy resource.

S. 913

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr.

DEWINE) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) were added as cosponsors of S. 913, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the medicare program of all oral anticancer drugs.

S. 917

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 917, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income amounts received on account of claims based on certain unlawful discrimination and to allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards received on account of such claims, and for other purposes.

S. 920

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 920, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit against income tax to individuals who rehabilitate historic homes or who are the first purchasers of rehabilitated historic homes for use as a principal residence.

S. RES. 16

At the request of Mr. THURMOND, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 16, a resolution designating August 16, 2001, as "National Airborne Day."

S. RES. 71

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI), the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. CARNAHAN), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 71, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the need to preserve six day mail delivery.

S. RES. 92

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 92, a resolution to designate the week beginning June 3, 2001, as "National Correctional Officers and Employees Week."

AMENDMENT NO. 741

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 741 proposed to H.R. 1836, a bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 104 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2002.

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 741 proposed to H.R. 1836, supra.

AMENDMENT NO. 763

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Maryland

(Ms. MIKULSKI) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON of Florida) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 763 proposed to H.R. 1836, a bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 104 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2002.

AMENDMENT NO. 784

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 784 proposed to H.R. 1836, a bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 104 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2002.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 935. A bill to authorize the negotiation of a Free Trade Agreement with the commonwealth of Australia, and to provide for expedited congressional consideration of such an agreement; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 943. A bill to authorize the negotiation of a Free Trade Agreement with New Zealand, and to provide for expedited congressional consideration of such an agreement; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 944. A bill to authorize the negotiation of a Free Trade Agreement with the Republic of Korea and to provide for expedited congressional consideration of such an agreement; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I rise to send three separate bills to the desk, S. 935, S. 943, and S. 944. The bills I am introducing provide authority to negotiate bilateral free trade agreements with three important trading partners: New Zealand, Australia, and the Republic of Korea.

Over the next several months, the Senate will turn its attention to international trade. As we do so, we find ourselves under serious scrutiny. Will we be able to reach consensus? Will we be able to break the impasse?

I don't know the answers to these questions. I have been working hard to find common ground on issues like labor and the environment, and on ensuring the strength of our trade laws. I will continue to do so. But we have a long way to go.

As we think about these issues, though, there is another, more subtle logjam within the trade agenda. Right now, our vision of the future seems locked in on sweeping, multilateral agreements, Free Trade for the Americas, the launch of a new round of global trade negotiations under the WTO.

These are enormous and complicated undertakings. These agreements are also major opportunities for trade liberalization, and we should continue to work hard to get agreements that are good for our workers, farmers, and companies.

But it is interesting to listen to the rhetoric. Why can't we advance labor and environment issues in the WTO? Some say developing countries simply would not allow it. Why can't we agree that our fair trade laws are not for sale in FTAA negotiations? Some say Brazil will never relent.

Indeed, our trade policy seems to have become so focused on sweeping multilateral agreements, that we ignore other avenues to trade liberalization—much to the detriment of U.S. competitiveness.

Take a closer look at this so-called trade impasse: The U.S.-Jordan Free Trade Agreement contains extensive and enforceable provisions on labor and the environment. Our free trade agreement with Canada and Mexico also addresses labor and environmental issues, with potential recourse to trade sanctions. We are moving towards completing an agreement with Chile—a country we know is open to labor and environment issues because they just recently struck a free trade agreement with Canada that includes enforceable provisions on both.

What's the moral of this story? It's simple. These agreements demonstrate we can break the impasse on trade.

Indeed, we must move forward where we can, whenever we can. If not fast track for all, then fast-track for some, specifically, those countries where we have strategic commercial and political interests. Those countries that will share our commitment to open markets, and our values for environmental quality and labor rights.

Today, I am introducing legislation that would authorize trade negotiations with Australia, New Zealand, and the Republic of Korea. It would grant fast track consideration for these agreements, while also establishing a general policy framework for future negotiations.

Trade agreements must address the full range of issues, from guaranteeing national treatment and market access, to protecting intellectual property. From promoting electronic commerce to ensuring that countries do not gain unfair advantage by lowering labor and environmental standards. And these agreements must not weaken our fair trade laws.

I believe there are many countries ready to take that deal. Australia and New Zealand are two countries eager to negotiate free trade agreements. We must continue to build our economic alliances in the Asia-Pacific region, and both countries have been strong partners in trade. We must also be realistic. An FTA would present tremendous opportunities, but we must recognize where there are differences. One such difference is the operation of the Australian wheat board, which, despite recent reforms, still works to distort world markets. Agriculture negotiations with both countries would require careful treatment, but should allow us to better work together to reduce unfair trade barriers in other parts of the world.

A trade agreement with Korea will take more time, as the issues are more difficult to resolve. For example, Korea maintains very high tariffs on beef, hurting ranchers in my home state of Montana. High tariffs, high taxes, and other trade-restrictive practices in Korea, reduce the competitiveness of American automobiles from Michigan and Ohio. Government subsidies in Korea undercut American semiconductor manufacturers in Idaho and Utah.

But we must not wait to negotiate agreements until all these problems are solved. Rather, we should use FTA negotiations as part of the solution. And with Korea, there are benefits that extend well beyond trade. An FTA would help lock in Korea's economic and political progress, and would also be an important part of our strategic interests in Asia.

The bottom line is this: while America hesitates on trade liberalization, and while many reject trying to reach a bipartisan consensus, the rest of the world continues to move forward. Regional trade arrangements in Europe, Latin America, and Asia put U.S. exporters at a competitive disadvantage. We lose overseas markets to foreign competitors who enjoy trade preferences for which our farmers, manufacturers, and service providers are ineligible.

I hope this legislation will send a strong signal to the rest of the world: America intends to continue its leadership in the global trading system.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. THOMAS):

S. 936. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand S corporation eligibility for banks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, today I am pleased to introduce legislation that will expand and improve Subchapter S of the Internal Revenue Code. I am joined in this effort by Senators TIM JOHNSON and CRAIG THOMAS. I have introduced this legislation over the last few years and I am hopeful that this year we can get this important tax legislation enacted.

The Subchapter S provision of the Internal Revenue Code reflect the desire of Congress to eliminate the double tax burden on small business corporations. Pursuant to that desire, Subchapter S has been liberalized a number of times, most recently in 1996. This legislation contains several provisions that will make the Subchapter S election more widely available to small businesses in all sectors. It also contains several provisions of particular benefit to community banks that may be contemplating a conversion to Subchapter S. Financial institutions were first made eligible for the Subchapter S election in 1996. This legislation builds on and clarifies the Subchapter S provisions applicable to financial institutions.

I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill and an explanation of